(*a*) the number of elephants the Government own and maintain at present;

(*b*) the income obtained in 1113 M. E. on account of them as hire charges, etc.;

(*c*) the expenditure incurred in 1113 M. E. on account of them for their maintenance, treatment, pay of mahouts, etc.?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*): (*a*) Nine including one Devaswam elephant maintained by Government for decoy work. Of these nine elephants, 2 are old captures, 2 are new captures of 1112, and 5 of 1113.

(*b*) Rs. 1,128—10—0 (from Chingam till the end of Edavam 1113).

(*c*) Rs. 2,512—7—0 (from 1st Chingam 1113 till the end of Edavam 1113). Out of Rs. 2,512—7—0 expended towards maintenance charges of the 9 animals, Rs. 1,126—14—0 represent the expenditure incurred for capturing, training, etc., of the 5 new captures of the current year. The 5 animals captured this year are just now only completing their training and are not yet in a condition to earn any hire, and the 2 animals captured last year also are not yet fit for working, but only for processions, etc.

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ANTHIKAD VILLAGE OFFICE—LOCATION OF.

180. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state the distance (in yards) between the Anthikad Village Office and the Hindu temple of that locality?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): The distance between the Bhagavathi temple and the Village Office is 196 2/3 yards.

CATTLE GRAZING GROUNDS IN THE VILLAGES OF PARIYARAM, ELINGIPRA AND KODASSERI.

181. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there are cattle grazing lands in the villages of Pariyaram, Elingipra and Kodasseri;

(*b*) if so, where are they situated and what is their extent?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): (*a*) There are cattle grazing grounds in Pariyaram village.

In Kodasseri and Elingipra there are no cattle grazing grounds. But in Kodasseri some Forest Reserve Lands are being used for the purpose.

(*b*) Survey Nos. 1032, 1206, 409, 1184/2, 1185, 1186, 1187/1, 1188/1, 1189, 1190/2, 1191/2, 1192, 1193 1195/2, 1196/2, 1197/2, 1198/2 and 1199 of Pariyaram village. The total extent is 103·09 acres.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): I want to ask the Forest Member, are the cattle allowed to graze in the forest lands?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): In answer to your cut motion the other day I said that in Kodasseri there are cattle grazing grounds. I made a mistake.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Are cattle allowed to graze in the reserve forests?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*): Generally they are not allowed.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): In answer to a cut motion I said that in Kodasseri, Pariyaram and Elanjipra there are grazing grounds, but there are grazing grounds only in Pariyaram. The reference to the forest reserve lands is a mistake.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Is there any application for assignment of these lands?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I want notice.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): The other day the hon'ble Revenue Member said that many of these grazing grounds were trespassed by members of the depressed classes. May I know whether these Survey Nos. given here remains there in tact for use of cattle?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I cannot give an off-hand answer. I generally referred to the practice of trespassing. I do not know whether in Kodasseri and Pariyaram there are any encroachment.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): What is the objection to allow the cattle to graze on the reserve lands?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*): They will destroy all the seedlings coming up.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Grown-up trees?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*): Seedlings are coming up and they will be destroyed.

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